

N.Y. Port Will Fight Changes In Rail Rates

Local Organizations to Appear at Hearing Before the Interstate Commerce Commission on Nov. 13

Differential Are Involved

New England Interests Demand Rates on a Parity With Ports to the South

Hearings in which the relation of railroad rates to New York and other competing ports are involved will be held before the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington on November 13 and in Philadelphia on November 20. Local commercial organizations will appear to defend the interests of their city and to protest against any further differentials in favor of other ports. The Maritime Association of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and other New England bodies will continue their arguments for tariffs which will place them on a parity with Baltimore and Philadelphia and establish a reduction under rates to New York.

The complaint was filed originally by the Boston Association at the time of hearings at the city the New York Produce Exchange, the New York Maritime Association and the Merchants' Association obtained permission to intervene. The rail carriers serving the Southern ports have already indicated their intention of opposing the plea of the New England interests. The attorney of the New York spokesman has not yet been defined, but it is expected that they will fight any effort which would place this city under further disadvantages.

At present the port of New York is handicapped by the fact that rates on certain export and import commodities handled at Baltimore and Philadelphia are lower. The effect of this has been to divert a great volume of shipments, particularly grain, to those ports.

The New England complaint sets forth that these localities are in competition with the Southern cities for both exports and imports; that the rail rates are frequently higher factor, and that this is the reason New England is losing a large amount of traffic. Interstate Commerce Commission is asked to rule that the rail charges to New England shall be no higher than other competing centers.

Danish Merchant Fleet Recovers From War Loss

Danish merchant shipping has recovered fully from losses during the war, though 30 per cent of the fleet, 240,000 gross tons, was lost during the conflict. A statement from Eugene T. Chamberlain, of the transportation division of the United States Department of Commerce, says the increase between 1914 and 1922 has been as great proportionately as before the war.

The efficiency of the Danish fleet is markedly up at present than before, as modern motorships have replaced steamships, according to a report from Harry Sorenson, Assistant Trade Commissioner in Copenhagen. One of the principal companies, the East Asiatic, has a fleet of twenty-two motorships, totaling 10,000 gross tons, all built since 1912.

The most important shipbuilding plant in Denmark, the Burmister & Wain Company, began just before the war to equip ships with Diesel motors. Up to August 1, 1922, it had equipped nearly 100 ships aggregating 750,000 deadweight tons, of which two-thirds were for Danish owners, thirty-six for other Scandinavians, twenty-two for British and two for Americans.

Since 1914 the Danish merchant marine has increased from 1,960 vessels of 874,938 gross tons to 1,931 of 1,041,048 tons in 1921.

Todd Plant to Build New Passenger Liner

The Todd Shipyards Corporation has been awarded a contract to build a twin screw combination freighter and passenger vessel for the Alaska Steamship Company. Construction will begin early in December at the Tacoma, Wash., plant of the company.

The new vessel will have a length of 350 feet between perpendiculars, 47 feet in deck height, 20 feet in width, and her two 1,500 horsepower engines will give a speed of about 16 knots. She will have a cargo capacity of 2,500 tons, accommodations for 225 passengers and will burn oil fuel.

The work on the world was as follows:

Todd Dry Dock & Constr. Corp. \$75,000
New York Ship Co. 84
Federal Shipbldg. Co. 900,000
Bethlehem Shipbldg. Co. 10
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San Francisco 8
Marine Shipbldg. Co. 975,000
Merchandise Shipbldg. Co. 12
New York Shipbldg. Co. 1,085,000
Los Angeles Shipbldg. Co. 10
Mounts. 1,100,000
*Weeks.

Ship Owners to Protest Norfolk Coal Charges

At a meeting of the shipping officials at the American Steamship Owners' Association, 11 Broadway, yesterday a committee was appointed to inquire into coal trimming at Norfolk and Baltimore, and to protest against excessive burdens upon vessels bunkering there. It was said that the charges for trimming at Norfolk were higher than at Baltimore or Philadelphia.

Members of the committee were announced as follow: Henry S. Lyons, New England Fuel and Transportation Company; D. T. Thompson, United American Lines; J. C. Curran, Castner, Curran & Bullitt; C. C. Colverth, Munson Lines, and Frank S. Davis, Maritime Association of Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Ship Board Rejects All Offers to Operate Vessels

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The Shipping Board will continue to operate the United States lines until the pending merchant marine legislation is disposed of, Chairman Lasker announced to-day. The chairman's announcement followed rejection by the board as unsatisfactory of all the offers to organize a company to operate the Shipping Board vessels.

Oil Tanks Ready in Samoa

PAGOPAGO, American Samoa, Sept. 25 (By Mail).—The two large oil tanks of the United States Shipping Board are about completed in Pago-Pago, American Samoa. All the plates of the walls and roofs have been riveted together. There remains the pipe connections to be installed. Six island laborers were injured and one killed as the last few sheets of iron were being placed on the roof of the second tank. A large beam, hanging to the roof and supporting a platform on which the workmen stood gave way,

Marine Reports

THE TIDES

HIGH water Low water
AM PM AM PM
Sandy Hook 10:22 10:55 4:10 4:50
Governor's Island 10:57 11:30 4:45 5:35
Half Tide 11:15 11:45 5:15 5:45
Winds of Sea Today

East Gulf—Fresh north winds and overcast weather, possibly with local rains.
West Gulf—Fresh north winds and overcast weather, probably with local rains.
Caribbean Sea and Windward Passage—Fresh north winds and moderate winds over south portion; overcast weather and probably local rains.
Gulf of Mexico—Strong west and northwest winds and overcast weather.
Sandy Hook to Hatteras—Fresh to strong north winds and partly overcast weather.
Hatteras to Florida Straits—Fresh north winds and partly overcast weather.

Arrived Yesterday

Broadway City (Br.), London Aug. 29.
Liberator, Sep. 29, Boston, 10:30 A.M.
Triton, 10:30 A.M., S. Navigation Co. with masts; Pier 44, Bklyn.

Eastern Gulf—Triton, Pier 44, Bklyn.
Strathallan, Liverpool, Oct. 1, R. L. Hague.

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